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### **State Transportation Board Adopts Statewide Freight Corridor Network** *Designated Freight Corridors Provide Connectivity Across Georgia*

**Atlanta** –The State Transportation Board voted to adopt the official *Freight Corridor Network* during the monthly meeting last week. The official network presents a cohesive and complete map of the state's priority of roads for freight movements.

“Increasing Georgia's role as a global hub for freight and logistics requires us to prioritize limited resources toward the most critical roads and interchanges,” said Governor Nathan Deal. This designated freight corridor does just that, and I appreciate the cooperation we've had with the GDOT Board and the General Assembly to bring this plan to fruition.”

The full map of the designated state Freight Corridor Network is posted at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/freight> and highlights the key strategic highway routes that handle the flow of freight to and from locations in Georgia. House Bill 202, signed into law this past legislative session, allows for roads on the freight corridor network to be exempted from Congressional Balancing related to transportation dollars spent on the routes.

The 2012 Georgia Statewide Freight and Logistics Plan outlined the most viable freight routes providing the necessary connectivity to accommodate present and projected future freight flow through the state. These newly designated Freight Corridors represent approximately 17% of the roadways operated under the Department, yet provide for efficient north-south, east-west and last mile access for cargo and goods. The plan identified the 50 highest truck volume locations and the most critical freight bottlenecks throughout the state.

“The Freight Corridor Network was identified through technology, data collection and discussions with leaders in the logistics industry,” State Transportation Board Chair Jay Shaw notes. “We studied the situation and determined the most important areas of improvement to help keep freight moving and keep Georgia at the top of economic development efforts. We worked closely with the Georgia Ports Authority and the Center of Innovation for Logistics to ensure we incorporated future projections and needs for freight movement.”

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